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TAGS: OAS

SUBJECT: OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY - FOURTH REPORT

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT

2. UNCLASSIFIED. DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH 5 PM NOVEMBER 26. AS OF TIME OF DRAFTING, OASGA IS MAKING EFFORTS TO CONCLUDE ITS WORK AND ADJOURN. WE ANTICIPATE LATE NIGHT SESSIONS NOVEMBER 26, WITH IT STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER LARGE NUMBER OF DECISIONS ON SUBSTANCE-CAN BE MADE IN TIME, OR WHETHER SESSION ON NOVEMBER 27 (THANKSGIVING DAY) MAY BE CALLED, OR WHETHER GA MAY RESUME ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28.

2. CONFIDENTIAL. HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS. SESSIONS OF FIRST COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP ON ARGENTINE AND OTHER IAHRC REPORTS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT DAY, AS DID NEGOTIATING SESSIONS OUTSIDE THE COMMITTEE TO TRY TO REACH COMPROMISE,

IN WHICH U.S., MEXICO AND ARGENTINA WERE PRINCIPALS. ARGENTINE POSITION CONTINUES VERY HARD, AND GOA DELEGATION MEMBERS HAVE SAID THEY MAY LEAVE THE SESSION SOMETIME THIS EVENING. WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE.

3. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. WHILE CHANGES ARE STILL POSSIBLE, FOURTH COMMITTEE LOOKS AS IF IT WILL FINESSE THE QUOTA REDUCTION ISSUE WITH A VERSION OF A VENEZUELAN RESOLUTION THAT CALLS FOR RENEWED WORK BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL DURING COMING YEAR TO ESTABLISH A QUOTA FORMULA UNIQUE TO OAS (I.E., NOT UN BASED), PROVIDES FOR CONTINUANCE OF PRESENT QUOTA LEVELS FOR BALANCE OF 1980-81 BUDGET PERIOD, AND (AS DRAFTED) STATES GA DOES NOT ACCEPT PROPOSAL BY, "MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR" (U.S.) TO REDUCE AMOUNT OF ITS QUOTA.

4. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. ON SALARY ISSUE, EMPLOYEES ARE GROWING RESTIVE ONCE AGAIN AT DELAYS. MEXICO, BRAZIL AND U.S. HAVE INSISTED THROUGHOUT DISCUSSIONS THAT PAY INCREASES AND SETTLEMENT OF DEBT CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM ABILITY OF OAS TO FUND ANY PAYMENTS IT MAY VOTE. AT THIS POINT, IT IS LARGELY A CASE OF THREE VOICES CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS PEOPLED BY THE MAJORITY WHO WANT TO BE GENEROUS WITH THE MONEY OF OTHERS.

5. UNCLASSIFIED. ELECTIONS. FOR INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL

COMMITTEE, JORGE AJA ESPIL (ARGENTINA), GALO LEORO FRANCO (ECUADOR) AND POLICARPO CALLEJAS BONILLA (HONDURAS) WERE ELECTED FOR FOUR YEAR TERMS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1981. FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, DR. HUMBERTO GARCIA ORTIZ (ECUADOR) WAS REELECTED FOR SIX YEAR TERM. FOR BOARD OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS, AMBASSADOR ALCIDES DA COSTA GUIMARAES FILHO (BRAZIL) WAS ELECTED FOR THREE YEAR TERM. FOR IAHRC, ANDRES AGUILAR (VENEZUELA), CESAR SEPULVEDA (MEXICO) AND LUIS DEMETRIO TINOCO CASTRO (COSTA RICA) WERE ELECTED FOR FOUR YEARS. US VOTED FOR ALL THESE CANDIDATES.

6. CONFIDENTIAL. WORK OF SECOND COMMITTEE, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL. COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. COLOMBIAN INITIATIVE IN COMMITTEE II (ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL) TO HAVE "COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY" INCLUDED ON AGENDA OF SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT (ECUADOR, MEXICO, GUATEMALA, VENEZUELA, PERU, PARAGUAY) BUT OPPOSITION FROM JAMAICA, BARBADOS AND US, COUPLED WITH ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN POSITION THAT THE INITIATIVE SHOULD BE TREATED ON PROCEDURAL BASIS, DEFUSED ISSUE FOR TIME BEING. DRAFTING GROUP AGREED TO CHANGE PROPOSED COLOMBIAN RESOLUTION FROM SUBSTANTIVE TO PROCEDURAL, LEAVING FOR ANOTHER DAY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THIS CONFLICTIVE ISSUE, I.E. COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY, WILL BE INCLUDED ON AGENDA OF SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

7. CONFIDENTIAL. OTHER ECONOMIC ISSUES. ARGENTINE INITIATIVE TO CREATE THREE YEAR 300 MILLION DOLLAR SPECIAL GRANT FUND FOR COUNTRIES MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED BY FOOD AND FUEL IMPORT SITUATION RESULTED IN RESOLUTION TURNING PROPOSAL FROM ACTION PROGRAM TO SUBJECT FOR FURTHER STUDY. MEXICO AND BRAZIL TOOK LEAD IN EVISCERATING GOA INITIATIVE FOR EXPEDITIOUS ACTION. ECUADOREAN-SPONSORED RESOLUTION CRITICIZING US FOR TUNA EMBARGO CARRIED BY VOTE OF 19-1 (US)-0. ON OTHER RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING PANAMA CANAL TOLL ISSUE, LATIN/CARIBBEAN GROUP ACCOMMODATED US CONCERNS AND RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

8. UNCLASSIFIED. WORK OF THIRD COMMITTEE (EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE). COMMITTEE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION OMNIBUS DECLARATION OF BOGOTA ADOPTED AN XI CIECC IN BOGOTA JULY-AUGUST 1980. IT CALLS UPON MEMBER NATIONS TO PROMOTE AND EXPAND EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND TO EXPAND CULTURAL

EXTENSION SERVICES AND TO PRESERVE ARCHEOLOGICAL, HISTORIC AND ARTISTIC MONUMENTS. IT APPROVED RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY BOLIVIA TO RESTORE AND PRESERVE ARCHITECTURAL AND ARTISTIC HERITAGE OF BOLIVIAN COLONIAL CENTER OF POTOSI WITH RESOURCES OUTSIDE OAS BUDGET, AND ANOTHER TO STIMULATE DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS AND ENCOURAGE READING IN HEMISPHERE.

9. UNCLASSIFIED. THE GA WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT CIECC FAVORED PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR LATE 1981. GA APPROVED A SCHEDULE OF CIECC MEETINGS FOR 1981, INCLUDING HOLDING XII CIECC IN ARGENTINA IN JUNE, AND TOOK NOTE OF CIECC REPORT FOR 1979.

10. UNCLASSIFIED. ALL RESOLUTIONS FROM GENERAL AND NUMBERED COMMITTEES MUST BE APPROVED BY PLENARY GA SESSION IN ORDER TO HAVE VALIDITY. DEBATE ON SOME OF THEM CAN BE RENEWED AT PLENARY, SO RESOLUTIONS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS FINAL.

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